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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FEBRUARY 5 NOTE VERBALE FROM SOMALI
PERMREP TO SYG, CIRCULTED FEBRUARY 5 AS SC DOCUMENT S/11965;

QUOTE

NOTE VERBALE DATED FEBRUARY 5 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT
MISSION OF SOMALIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO ATTACH
HERETO THE CONTENTS OF A TELEGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN ADDRESSED
TO THE LATTER ON 26 JANUARY 1976, BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-
GENERAL MOHAMED SIAD BARRE, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

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THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

REQUESTS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE ATTACHED COMMUNICATION BE
CIRCULATED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS A
MATTER OF URGENCY.

TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE SOMALI
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC - 26 JANUARY 1976

I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY IS WELL AWARE OF THE
CRITICAL SITUATION PREVAILING IN FRENCH SOMALILAND AND THE LATEST
DANGEROUS POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY WHICH IF
UNCHECKED COULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WHOLE REGION
STOP FOLLOWING THE OVERWHELMING AND UNSWERVING SUPPORT GIVEN BY
THE OAU AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH INTER ALIA THE UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION APPROVED BY 109 MEMBER STATES
DECEMBER LAST TO THE PEOPLE OF FRENCH SOMALILAND FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF

IMMEDIATE COMMA UNCONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE WITHDRAWAL
OF FRENCH MILITARY FORCES AND BASES COMMA THE FRENCH COLONAIL
POWER IS NOW RESORTING TO DESPICABLE STRATEGEMS AND MANOEUVRES
AIMED AT GRANTING A FORMAL AND HOLLOW INDEPENDENCE TO FRENCH
SOMALILAND IN ORDER TO APPEASE INTERNATIONAL OPINION WHILE AT
THE SAME TIME CREATING A PUPPET REGIME HEADED BY ITS FAITHFUL
STOOGES ALI AREF COMMA AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT ENJOY ANY
SUPPORT WHATSOEVER FROM
THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY STOP IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ITS
STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN THE TERRITORY COMMA THROUGH THE IM-
POSITION OF THE ALI AREF PUPPET REGIME COMMA THE FRENCH COLONAIL
POWER IS FULLY DEPLOYING ITS HUGE MILITARY FORCES STATIONED
IN THE TERRITORY AND IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS OF IN-
CREASING ITS FORCES AND ENLARGING ITS DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS
OF THE TERRITORY STOP THUS THE OPPOSITION PARTIES AND LIBER-
ATION MOVEMENTS COMMA WHO ARE THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE PEOPLE COMMA ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT HARASSMENT COMMA
ARRESTS AND TORTURE COMMA WHILE MANY OF THEIR LEADERS ARE
SUMMARILY BEING DEPORTED FROM THE TERRITORY STOP ALL POLITICAL
ACTIVITY AND OPPOSITION TO THE LOCAL REGIME IS THEREFORE PROHIBITED
AND THE VOICE OF THE MASSES IS SILENCED THROUGH INDISCRIMINATE
KILLINGS COMMA CONSTANT SEARCHING IN THE HOMES OF THOSE SUSPECTED
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OF SYMPATHIZING WITH THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND A STATE OF
INCREASING TENSION IS DAILY DEVELOPING AND AN EXPLOSIVE
EMERGENCY SITUATION IS PREVAILING THERE STOP IT IS MY CONVICTION
EXCELLENCY THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE CRITICAL SITUATION AND ITS
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE STABILITY AND PEACE IN THE REGION I
DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO INFORM YOU AND APPEAL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
SO THAT YOU MAY INTERVENE IN THE MATTER AND RENDER JUSTICE
AND ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF FRENCH SOMALILAND

IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO ATTAIN THEIR SACRED RIGHT
TO GENUINE AND UNCONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE STOP FINALLY I
CONSIDER IT PERTINENT TO INFORM YOU OF THE CONSISTENT
VIOLATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORMS AND PRACTICES RELATING TO
THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY STOP AS A MATTER OF FACT THE SOMALI
CONSULATE GENERAL IN DJIBOUTI HAS BEEN SUBJECTED
FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS TO A STATE OF SEIGE BY THE COLONIAL
GENDARMES AND THE STAFF AND THEIR CARS ARE BEING DAILY
PERQUISITIONED AND HARASSED DESPITE STRONG PROTESTS TO THE
FRENCH GOVERNMENT BY THE SOMALI DEOMCRATIC REPUBLIC STOP
IT IS UNFORTUNATE TO NOTE THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
HAS NOT SO FAR GIVEN ANY JUSTIFICATION TO THESE
VIOLATIONS STOP PLEASE ACCEPT YOUR EXCELLENCY MY HIGHEST ESTEEM
STOP MAJOR-GNERAL MOHAMED SIAD BARRE COMMA PRESIDENT OF THE
SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.
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